

a.) REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the previous Restriction Requirement (and election thereunder) but is now further requiring that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions (Groups I-XXVI) noted on pages 3-8 of the Office Action. Again, the Examiner contends this list is not exhaustive.

Enumerated Groups I-XVIII, XX-XXV refer to formula VII. Among these, R^1 is always hydroxyl or lower alkoxy and n is 1-6, but R^2 differs. Groups XIX and XXVI refer to formula IV and II, respectively.

Initially, Applicants respectfully request rejoinder of the nonheterocyclic R^2 moieties within one group, and rejoinder of the heterocyclic moieties within one group since the technical merits of distinguishing among the formula VII compounds based on R^2 does not appear to be technically well-founded.

Nevertheless, in response to Examiner's request, Applicants hereby elect Group V, namely Claims 1, 3-5 and 10-14 (in part) drawn to a process of preparing a compound represented by formula (VII) wherein R^1 represents hydroxyl or lower alkoxy; n represents an integer from 1 to 6 and R^2 is pyridyl.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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